1	2	3	4	5
	Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & N. Islands	2844	1342	1012
2.	Chandigarh	5326	316	3076
3.	D & N Haveli	1418	663	88
4.	Daman & Diu	396	156	397
5.	Lakshadweep	1	362	225
6.	Pondicherry	13804	431	1263
	Total	7801355	8376543	7670208

Research on Potato by Central Potato Research Institute

*298. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Potato Research Institute has undertaken five research projects to increase the production of potato;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) whether the researchers have achieved success in some of the projects so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(e) the earlier rate of production and the cost thereof as compared to the present rate of production and cost thereof on the basis of successful projects?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Central Potato Research Institute has undertaken a number of research projects to increase potato production in the country. The five projects have been undertaken on post-harvest of technology aspects of potato recently.

(b) The following five projects have been initiated from July, 1997.

1. Evaluation and improvement of traditional potato storage methods,
2. Studies on processed edible products from potato,
3. Development of fermented edible products from potato,
4. Studies on post-harvest storage rots of potatoes under different storage conditions, and
5. Study on the availability and utilization pattern of potato in different regions of the country.

(c) and (d) Since the projects have been initiated recently, question does not arise.

(e) As a result of concerted research efforts, average productivity has increased to 16.9 tonnes per hectare and all India average cost of production to about Rs. 33,285 with net returns of Rs. 13,186 per hectare during 1995-96.

[English]

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

*299. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Krishi Vigyan Kendras approved and functioning at present with estimated cost of each Kendra, State-wise;